1	2	3	4	5	6
6	JSW Steel Ltd.	4.1	11.0	31.0	111700.00
7	Jindal Steel & Power Ltd.	2.4	10.45	26.5	89387.00
8	Ispat Industries Ltd.	3.0	5.0	17.0	30400.00
9	POSCO India Pvt. Ltd.	-	-	12.0	51000.00
10	Arcellor Mittal India Ltd.	-	-	24.0	80000.00

* The estimated cost of SAIL projects are for current modernization and expansion projects augmenting to 24.84 million tonnes capacity.

(b) Yes, Sir. Two representations from Shri C. Ramachandriah, Hon'ble MP, Rajya Sabha and Shri Dhram Pal Sabharwal, Hon'ble MP, Rajya Sabha have been received in this Ministry for setting up of Ultra Mega Steel Plants in the country which *inter-alia* suggest consideration for the following :-

i) Setting up a Steel Mission under the direct leadership of Prime Minister with a suggested role.

ii) Setting up of Ultra Mega Steel Plants of 10 million tonnes per annum in various states in the line of Ultra Mega Power Plants set up in the country.

iii) To take steps to achieve efficiency, cost effectiveness and optimum utilization of resources.

(c) Government has constituted an Inter-Ministerial Group (IMG) to monitor and coordinate issues concerning major steel investments in the country. The Inter Ministerial Group functions under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Steel) with members from various Central Ministries/Departments, such as Railways, Road Transport & Highways, Shipping, Industrial Policy & Promotion, Mines, Environment & Forest and the concerned State Governments. View of the industry has also been sought regarding the feasibility and modalities of the concept of Ultra Mega Steel Projects.

Demand and supply of steel

925. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated steel demand in the country during the Eleventh Plan as compared to China;

(b) what concrete steps are being proposed to augment domestic steel supply; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken for encouraging the setting up Greenfield and Brown Field plants in the country to meet steel shortages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI JITIN PRASADA): (a) As per the Report of the Working Group on Steel Industry for the Eleventh Five Year Plan (2007-08 to 2011-12) prepared in December 2006, the demand of steel in the country is estimated to be around 70.34 million tonnes by 2011-12. As per International Iron & Steel Institute (IISI) data, the consumption of steel in China for the year 2007 is 408.3 million tonnes. However, Ministry of Steel has no official information regarding the steel demand forecast for China in 2011-12.

(b) and (c) Leading domestic steel producers, both in public and private sector, have announced plans to expand their existing capacities through both Greenfield and Brownfield ventures. As per the latest estimates based on these capacity additions, the crude steel production capacity is likely to reach around 124 million tonnes by 2012.

In order to promote the domestic steel industry and to meet the projected demand, the Government has constituted an Inter-Ministerial Group (IMG), under the Chairmanship of Secretary(Steel), to monitor and coordinate the issues concerning major steel investments in the country related to infrastructure, raw material supply, environmental clearance and other resource constraints.

Expansion of Bokaro and Vizag steel plants

926. SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN SINGH: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether demand of steel is likely to be met by expansion of Bokaro and Vizag Steel Plants in the public sector;

(b) whether Government is planning to expand other public sector steel plants also; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI JITIN PRASADA): (a) Yes, Sir. The expansion of Bokaro and Vizag Steel Plants is expected to contribute significantly to meeting the national demand of steel.

(b) and (c) Both the Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) and the Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL) have undertaken modernization and expansion in their steel plants to increase their production of hot metal and liquid steel. The modernization and expansion plan of SAIL at all of its five integrated steel plants, including Bokaro Steel Plant envisages an increase in the production from the current level of around 15 million tonnes of hot metal per annum to 26.2 million tonnes per annum. Similarly the expansion of RINL envisages an increase in production of liquid steel from the current level of 3.0 million tonnes per annum to 6.3 million tonnes per annum.

Growing demand of steel

927. SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN SINGH: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has become a net importer of steel over the last few years;

(b) the figures of imports of steel over the last three years;

(c) whether it is also a fact that as per the growth in demand for steel, India is likely to import 50 MT of steel in the next few years; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to meet the growing demand and to meet the objectives set in New Steel Policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI JITIN PRASADA): (a) Yes, Sir. India has become a net importer of steel in 2007-08 and this trend continues in 2008-09.